

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for securing a mouse support pad to a predetermined member, said apparatus comprising:

(a) a vertical member having a predetermined size and shape, said vertical member having a first end and a second end;

(b) a slot having a predetermined width is disposed within said vertical member intermediate said first end and said second end of said vertical member, ~~said slot having a predetermined width;~~ being closely adjacent said first end of said vertical member so that said vertical member extends upwardly from an upper surface of such predetermined member;

(c) a securement device disposed on said first end of said vertical member for securing said vertical member to such predetermined member; and

(d) a means for securing such mouse support pad to said second end of said vertical member.

2. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein said securement device includes a bolt.

3. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 2, wherein a first end of said bolt is threadably attached to said first end of said vertical member.

4. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 2, wherein said bolt enters said slot when said first end of said bolt is

threaded through said first end of said vertical member.

5. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 2, wherein a second end of said bolt further includes a three star knob for turning said bolt.

6. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined width of said slot is sufficient to slide onto one of a computer keyboard platform and a desktop.

7. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein said means for securing such mouse support pad to said vertical member is a capscrew.

8. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein said slot has a ledge disposed in said slot.

9. (Original) The apparatus, according to claim 1, wherein said slot is disposed between 0.25 inches and 0.5 inches from said first end.

10. (Currently amended) In combination with a mouse support pad, an apparatus for securing said mouse support pad to a predetermined member, said apparatus comprising:

(a) a vertical member having a predetermined size and shape, said vertical member having a first end and a second end;

(b) a slot having a predetermined width is disposed within

said vertical member intermediate said first end and said second end of said vertical member, said slot ~~having a predetermined width,~~ being closely adjacent said first end of said vertical member so that said vertical member extends upwardly from an upper surface of such predetermined member;

(c) a securement device disposed on said first end of said vertical member for securing said vertical member to such predetermined member; and

(d) a means for securing said mouse support pad to said second end of said vertical member.

11. (Original) The combination, according to claim 10, wherein said mouse support pad is a solid platform made of plastic.

12. (Original) The combination, according to claim 11, wherein said plastic is a phenolic resin.

13. (Original) The combination, according to claim 10, wherein said securement device includes a bolt.

14. (Original) The combination, according to claim 13, wherein a first end of said bolt is threadably attached to said first end of said vertical member.

15. (Original) The combination, according to claim 13, wherein said bolt enters said slot when said first end of said bolt is threaded through said first end of said vertical member.

16. (Original) The combination, according to claim 13, wherein a second end of said bolt further includes a three star knob for turning said bolt.

17. (Original) The combination, according to claim 10, wherein said predetermined width of said slot is sufficient to slide onto one of a computer keyboard platform and a desktop.

18. (Original) The combination, according to claim 10, wherein said means for securing said mouse support pad to said vertical member is a capscrew.

19. (Original) The combination, according to claim 10, wherein said slot is disposed between 0.25 inches and 0.5 inches from said first end.